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## In brief

### Attention all personnel

Brig. Gen. Jack Eggington, 325th Fighter Wing commander, regretfully announces the death of Maj. Jeffrey Sims, Headquarters 1st Air Force Logistics. Anyone having claims against, or indebtedness to, the estate of Maj. Sims should contact Capt. Andrew Zumbach, Summary Court Officer, HQ 1st AF Logistics, at 283-3749.

### Halloween hours

Trick-or-Treat will be from 5-8 p.m. in base housing areas Oct. 31.

### Obstacle course

The obstacle course near Boy Scout Road is restricted due to safety concerns over unsupervised use. Only people who obtain approval from the 325th Security Forces Squadron and receive instruction on course use and safety are permitted in the area. Organizations interested in using the Boy Scout Road obstacle course should contact the Security Forces Training Section at 283-9921/9922.

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Steve Wallace

## Dusting off

Airmen 1st Class Christopher Stephens and Brian Franklin, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters on the hazardous material decontamination team, decontaminate Staff Sgt. Thomas Allen, 325th Aeromedical Dental Squadron bioenvironmental engineer, after he leaves a suspected contaminated area during the investigation of a potentially hazardous material found in the Conference Center here Tuesday. Tests confirmed the material was not harmful.

# Flu vaccine prioritized due to shortage

**CAPT. SUSAN A. ROMANO**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Due to complications from a major manufacturer of the influenza vaccine, nearly half the nation's flu vaccine will not be delivered including delivery to Tyndall AFB.

The 325th Medical Group is developing a plan to distribute the vaccine when it becomes available. The flu vaccine is being prioritized to protect people who are at greatest risk of serious complications from influenza.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, anyone in the list below should seek the vaccine:

- People 65 years of age and older

- Children ages 6 months to 23 months

- Adults and children 2 years of age and older with chronic lung or heart disorders including heart disease and asthma

- Pregnant women

- Adults and children 2 years of age and older with chronic metabolic diseases (including diabetes), kidney diseases, blood disorders (such as sickle cell anemia), or weakened immune systems, including persons with HIV/AIDS

- Children 6 months to 18 years of age who take aspirin daily

- Residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities

- Household members and out-of-home caregivers of infants un-

der the age of 6 months (children under the age of 6 months cannot be vaccinated.)

- Healthcare workers who provide direct, hands-on care to patients

"As soon as the wing gets its vaccine supply, we will attempt to reach each of these high-risk beneficiaries and request they come in to get their vaccine," said Capt. Chad Claar, 325th Aeromedical Dental Squadron Public Health flight commander. "Individuals tasked to deploy will also be added to the high-risk group for Tyndall."

The CDC also suggests that healthy people age 2 to 64 should not get vaccinated this year or wait to get their vaccine until after those

in priority groups have had a chance to be vaccinated. This will ensure that available vaccines can go to protect those at greater risk for flu complications.

The influenza virus is spread primarily by breathing airborne virus particles in infected droplets, usually from coughing or sneezing. In addition to the vaccine, medical professionals offer some very simple rules to stay healthy this flu season. Those rules include:

*Wash your hands—frequently!* This may sound like a very simple solution, but it works. Frequent hand washing prevents the spread of the virus.

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# Why we exercise and what to expect during one

MASTER SGT. FRANK LABROAD  
325th Fighter Wing Plans Office

This year, Tyndall has processed hundreds of personnel through deployment lines, gone to higher force protection and information conditions to prevent terrorists from impacting our mission, responded to attacks on our resources and donned chemical protection gear to ward off the effects of weapons of mass destruction.

Thankfully, each of these events was only a scenario designed to help us practice perishable skills and test our ability to continue accomplishing the mission under less than perfect situations. They were all part of the wing's exercise program.

The exercise program is mandated by Air Education and Training Command Instruction 10-205 and is designed to provide the wing commander an assessment of the wing's readiness capabilities. Exercises provide an opportunity to improve



Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

**Senior Airman James Thompson, 325th Mission Support Squadron Customer Service NCO in-charge, calls out signatures for accountability during a recent exercise here.**

our readiness, train and evaluate our personnel, and validate our procedures in a controlled environment, which is very unlike the area of responsibility we really send our people to. The AOR

environment is characterized by chaos and bad guys using real bombs and bullets.

In addition to our scheduled exercises this year, we have gained experience and practice with some real world events, including a Class A aircraft crash, Hurricane Ivan (and lots of practice with Bonnie, Charley, Frances, and Jeanne), power outages, and tornadoes. Col. Brian Dickerson, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander, has challenged the plans office to minimize exercise simulations and maximize training opportunities for all fighter wing personnel deploying down range. This is a significant challenge since the wing's mission, *TRAINAMERICA'S AIR DOMINANCE FORCE*, must continue uninterrupted. So, while the launching of F/A-22 and F-15 training sorties will continue and not be impacted by the events

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## Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency.

The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers.

If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the 325th Fighter Wing Inspector General's Office, 283-4646.

Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

**BRIG. GEN.  
JACK EGGINTON**  
325th Fighter Wing commander

## ON THE STREET

### How does your job contribute to Tyndall's mission?



"In ammunitions we load ammo onto the jets to make sure the pilots get full and proper training for real world missions."

**AIRMAN 1ST CLASS  
DARREN ADKINS**  
325th Maintenance Squadron



"As maintainers, we keep Tyndall's aircraft in the air."

**STAFF SGT.  
ARTHUR BOWSER**  
43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit

"At the Tyndall Fitness and Sports Center we offer the opportunity for everyone on base to stay Fit to Fight, through the use of our equipment and programs."

**STAFF SGT.  
AMANDA GRISSOM**  
325th Services Squadron



"Airfield operations handles all airfield issues, such as runway repair, air traffic and air space."

**1ST LT. JUSTIN COOPER**  
325th Operations Support Squadron



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# Keep safety scares out of Halloween activities

*Halloween is an exciting time of year for kids, and everyone can make sure they have a safe holiday with the following tips –*

**Parents and adults should:**

- Supervise the outing for children under age 12.
- Prepare homes for trick-or-treaters by clearing porches, lawns, and sidewalks and by placing jack-o-lanterns away from doorways and landings.
- Inspect all candy for safety before children eat it.
- Ensure the safety of pedestrian trick-or-treaters.
- Drive slowly.
- Watch for children in the street and on medians.
- Exit driveways and alleyways carefully.
- Have children get out of cars on the curb side, not on the traffic side.

**Children should:**

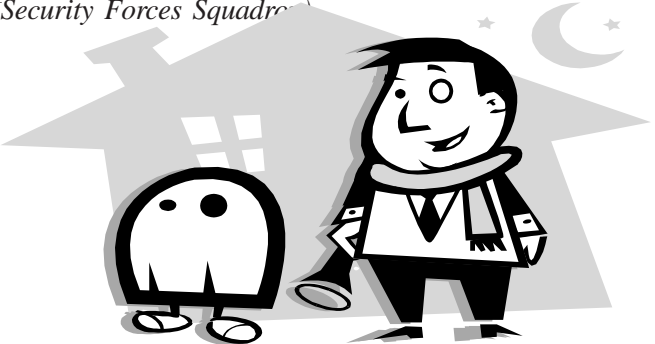
- Go only to well-lit houses and remain on porches rather than entering houses.
- Know home and emergency numbers.
- Travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult.
- Have names and addresses attached to their costumes.
- Bring treats home before eating them so parents can inspect them.
- Use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid or sharp.

**When walking in neighborhoods:**

- Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks, and avoid crossing yards.
- Cross streets at the corner, use crosswalks when possible, and do not cross between parked cars.
- Stop at all corners and stay together in a group before crossing.
- Wear clothing that is bright, reflective and flame retardant.
- Consider using face paint instead of masks. (Masks can obstruct a child’s vision.)
- Avoid wearing hats that will slide over their eyes.
- Avoid wearing long, baggy, or loose costumes or oversized shoes (to prevent tripping).
- Remember to look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.

**The 325th Security Forces Squadron needs volunteers for the annual pumpkin patrol, to keep the children safe during trick-or-treat. For more information call Staff Sgt. Alijhondroe Wiley, NCO in-charge police services, at 283-2558, or e-mail Alijhondroe.Wiley@tyndall.af.mil.**

*(Courtesy of 325th Fighter Wing Safety Office and 325th Security Forces Squadron)*





# DoD expands anthrax, smallpox vaccination programs

**CAPT. SUSAN A. ROMANO**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

After evaluating the anthrax and smallpox programs, the Department of Defense announced the vaccines will now be given to selected units within U.S. Pacific Command, Central Command and other selected groups.

The evaluation was conducted by the Military Health System, and Air Force officials recently released service-specific guidance for the programs.

According to Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, "When we began these vaccination programs, we stated that we would periodically review them, evaluating the threats to our forces and vaccine availability. We recently completed such an evaluation and determined that the threat continues. In light of our successful implementation of these pro-

grams, we will include additional forces in the vaccination programs."

So what does this mean for Tyndall AFB personnel?

"Right now, we are inoculating anyone who is tasked for the next deployment rotation to a high-threat area. Members who have returned from deployments will continue to receive the full anthrax vaccine series," said Capt. Chad Claar, 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron Public Health flight commander. "We will also be resuming the anthrax vaccinations for all personnel who were vaccinated between 1998 and 2001, but who have not yet restarted the series."

DOD officials also stated that the vaccines will be offered to family members in the geographic high-threat areas on a voluntary basis.

"The vaccines offer a necessary extra layer



Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

**Airmen who are slated to deploy to a high threat area will be administered anthrax and smallpox vaccines.**

of protection for service members, emergency-essential civilians and contractors who carry out mission essential services," said

Captain Claar. For more information on the anthrax and smallpox vaccination programs, contact the Public Health Flight at 283-7138.

## TSP News

The Thrift Savings Plan open season began Oct. 15 and will end Dec. 31. During this time both civilian and military employees can sign up for, or change, their TSP contribution amounts.

Military members wanting general TSP information may call the Air Force Personnel Contact Center at (800) 616-3775. Specific TSP information is available at [www.afpcrandolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift\\_savings\\_plan.htm](http://www.afpcrandolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm).

Specific information for civilian employees is available through the TSP Web site at [www.tsp.gov/](http://www.tsp.gov/).

# AETC civilians to test new finance system

**TECH. SGT. JOHN ASSELIN**  
Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)** — Civilian employees in Air Education and Training Command will soon get answers to their leave and earnings statement questions without calling or visiting the civilian personnel office.

SmartDocs, a new Defense Finance and Accounting Service program, will be tested with AETC civilian employees starting with the Oct. 20 pay period, according to Maj. Eric Bradshaw, AETC financial services division's finance branch chief.

One or two days before pay day, civilian employees will receive an

e-mail linking to the new online SmartLES. Links within the system provide more information via drop-down boxes, Major Bradshaw said.

"If you have a question about pay, leave or just about anything, you can just click on it," he said. "Some links also signify a change from the prior LES and provide a side-by-side comparison between LESs."

The program's intent is to add convenience to the end user, the major said.

"People won't need to make as many calls to the civilian personnel or base finance office because they can get the answers for themselves," he said. "They also no

longer have to wait for their LES to come in the mail — the link to their LES will be delivered to their e-mail box before payday."

One SmartLES with active links and the last four static non-linked LESs will eventually be available through SmartDocs.

SmartDocs uses the myPay global address list, so users must be registered with myPay and have a correct e-mail address in the myPay system to receive the SmartLES link, Major Bradshaw said.

The AETC test will last two pay periods with a plan to launch Air Force-wide Dec. 15. SmartLES will also become available to active-duty members in the future.

● **FROM VACCINE PAGE 1**

Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, preferably with a disposable tissue. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve. This will limit the spread of flu virus in the air. Wash your hands immediately after you sneeze or cough.

Isolate those ill with influenza. Persons with flu-like symptoms, particularly with fever, should remain home and away from communal areas until the fever has subsided.

Quit smoking! Smoking is a risk factor for susceptibility to the flu and increases the severity of the disease. Also, a more dangerous secondary illness, pneumonia, is more common in smokers.

Limit the use of common-use items in the workplace. This will help prevent the spread of germs on such items as telephones, computer keyboards, tools, fax machines, etc.

"We will be keeping the Tyndall community informed every step of the way regarding this very critical issue," said Col. Sean Murphy, 325th Medical Group commander. "It is vital we stay healthy while making sure those at risk are well taken care of."

See future Gulf Defenders for updates as they become available.

# Housing privatization process continues at Tyndall

**JIM WESLOWSKI**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Tyndall's intention to turn its military family housing area over to a private contractor hit a major milestone when it had an industry forum last month. The forum consisted of Air Force, construction industry and local government officials discussing project requirements and touring existing housing facilities. According to Glenn Lattanze, Tyndall's housing privatization project manager, industry forums provide an opportunity to present clarifying information from both government and private sector teams. "The industry forum served two main purposes," Mr. Lattanze said. "It introduced the housing privatization program to potential bidders and provided the attendees with a tour of Tyndall's family housing with an opportunity to ask specific questions on the existing conditions and program

requirements. We gave the potential developers a tour of all our neighborhoods and they were able to go inside a sample unit in each of the housing areas." Tyndall's housing privatization is being pursued under Air Education and Training Command's "Group 1" housing privatization package. The contractor with the winning bid will be required to assume responsibility for all the housing and will not be able to select one or more bases from the list. This project involves a real estate transaction to privatize all military family housing here; at Altus Air Force Base, Okla.; Sheppard AFB, Texas; and Luke AFB, Ariz. The government will transfer 3,791 housing units and support facilities and will lease the underlying land to the developer for up to 50 years. The development contractor will, over a seven-year period, bring 2,162 inad-

equate housing units at the four installations to an adequate condition, and take control of 713 housing units that are already adequate. The contractor will own and operate the rental housing development for military families for 50 years, as well as finance, plan, design and construct improvements in the development. "Housing privatization is a "win-win" situation that can best be summed up by five words — quality homes for our Airmen," said Lt. Col. Curt Van De Walle, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron commander. "The successful offeror receives good tenants and an income stream for 50 years as long as they provide homes our Airmen want to live in—if the developer doesn't 'rent' the homes to Air Force members, he doesn't receive the BAH stream from military members, up to \$8.3 million for Tyndall AFB alone." Currently, Tyndall has about 924 housing units ranging in age from 46 to 2-year old homes. Under privatization, the final number of housing units would decrease to 813 by 2008, ac-



2nd Lt. William Powell

**Rosalynn Powell, a resident of base housing, sets out her recycling bins. Base housing privatization is being pursued, which will make one of the bidding contractors responsible for all Tyndall's housing.**

cording to the Housing Requirements and Market Analysis performed earlier this year. More information, visit the Air Force Center for Environ-

mental Excellence Web site, [www.afcee.brooks.af.mil/products.asp](http://www.afcee.brooks.af.mil/products.asp). For Tyndall-specific questions, you can e-mail at [Glenn.Lattanze@Tyndall.af.mil](mailto:Glenn.Lattanze@Tyndall.af.mil) or call 283-4712.



Checkertail Salute

Master Sgt. Henry Poe



Lisa Norman

Sergeant Poe receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Col. Brian Dickerson, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Poe who was the 325th Fighter Wing’s NCO Maintenance Professional of the Year in 2002. He has been a key senior leader in the 2nd Fighter Squadron and has played a major role in helping the squadron achieve the best mission capable rate in eight years. He was the point man for maintenance issues with the beddown of the F/A-22, and he created a benchmark F/A-22 transportation plan for classified equipment, as well as provided oversight of the wireless maintenance local area network installation. He has completed the Senior NCO Course and has a Community College of the Air Force Degree. He also volunteers in the local community.

**Duty title:** F/A-22 Integration Office superintendent  
**Time on station:** Three years, four months  
**Time in service:** 15 years, seven months  
**Hometown:** Chattanooga, Tenn.  
**Hobbies:** Softball, pool, hunting, fishing, spending time with kids and family  
**Goals:** Retire with some sanity left and finish building my house  
**Favorite movie:** “Shrek,” “Matrix,” or “Caddyshack”  
**Favorite thing about Tyndall:** Being close to my father for the first time in my career  
**Pet peeves:** Passing the buck – not meeting deadlines. If you say you are going to do something –do it!  
**Proudest moment in the military:** Marrying my wife Feb. 22, 1997

*The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall’s Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.*





First Fighter Squadron instructor pilots receive last minute War Day instructions from Lt. Col. William Routt, 1st FS operations officer (right), prior to leaving the squadron for their assigned aircraft.



Lt. Col. Bert Dreher, 1st FS commander, climbs into his F-15 Eagle after the alert scramble order is given. Colonel Dreher and 11 other 1st FS instructor pilots participated in a mock aerial engagement against numerous aircraft from units around the Air Force.



A 1st FS student pilot (right) intercept and engage simulated enemy aircraft during War Day Oct. 15. A handful of other pilots were also in the seat of the squadron's two F-15s during the wartime scenario.

# 'War Day'

## Tyndall Airmen break from routine to defend home base from 'attack'

STORY AND PHOTOS BY 1ST LT. ALBERT BOSCO  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

For the first time in nearly a decade, F-15 Eagle instructor pilots assigned to the 1st Fighter Squadron here got a chance to test their skills during a mock aerial engagement with simulated enemy forces Oct. 15.

Dubbed "War Day," the event was a morale building exercise, which also served to keep instructors' skills sharp since their primary mission is to train the next generation of warfighters.

"Normally, we train students day in and day out," said Lt. Col. William Routt, 1st FS operations officer. "Because of the training demands, our instructor pilots rarely get the chance to challenge themselves or perform to the level they did while assigned to combat Air Force units."

The mission for the pilots was simple – defend a designated target near Carabelle from hostile forces. When the order was given, 12 Eagles were scrambled from Tyndall's runway to intercept the aggressor force, which consisted of two B-52 Stratofortresses from the 96th Bomb Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., four F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 85th Fighter Squadron at Eglin AFB, two F-15E Strike Eagles from the 334th FS at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., four German Air Force GR1 Tornados from the Flight Training Center at Holloman AFB, N.M., and two QF-4 Phantom IIs from the 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron here.

"This exercise provided a unique opportunity for several members of Tyndall, from the 325th Operations Group to the 325th Maintenance Group, to see and participate in an event that most closely resembles what they'll soon face in their operational units," said Lt. Col. Bert Dreher, 1st FS commander.

The event has only occurred twice since it began in 1995 when Col. Kevin Burman, 601st Air Operations Group commander, who then served as the 2nd Fighter Squadron's director of operations here at the time, saw a need to ensure instructor pilots retain their edge and build motivation for training other pilots.

"War Day was started to help our instructor pilots by giving them a day away from training so they could return to their tactical roots," said Colonel Burman. "We were under a very high student load, and the instructors were losing their edge. The War Day concept was to let them focus on nothing but a tactical scenario to plan and execute."

Colonel Burman said the value to the instructors, and the students proved an additional benefit of the event.

"It is very easy to get stuck in a training mentality," he said. "We found that being able to refocus on tactics helped our instructors to remain motivated and honed their skills resulting in better students. The instructors enjoy the break from student training, and the students benefit from seeing the instructors perform."



Airman Brandon Jeannette, 1st AMU crew chief, disconnects a fuel line from the aircraft, waiting to scramble.





shows his enthusiasm for the scramble to  
ated enemy aircraft during the squadron's  
of students were chosen to fly in the back  
o-seat F-15D aircraft to witness a "real"



ts the communications plug from an F-15



**Airborne in background, Lt. Col. Bert Dreher, 1st FS commander, takes off from Tyndall while another 1st FS pilot (right) prepares to scramble his jet during a War Day scenario.**

For a few of the squadron's F-15 student pilots, the experience was more real than they could have imagined. A handful of students were chosen to experience aerial combat firsthand from the back seat of one of the squadron's two-seat F-15D models, so they see their instructors perform a mission they are being trained to do once they leave Tyndall.

"Seeing this really brings our training together," said Capt. Matt Johnson, a 1st FS F-15 student pilot who is nearly finished with his training here. "It was great to see how it will be when I get to an active unit."

Captain Johnson, who flew with Maj. Steve Cox, 1st FS assistant director of operations, said his element was the first to get a kill when the battle kicked off.

"Our wingman got one of the F-4s that were flying near the eastern border at about 500 feet," he said. "That was cool."

But, the fun wasn't reserved solely for the pilots. The crew chiefs, who scrambled the jets shared the enthusiasm and also benefited from the experience.

"We loved it," said Staff Sgt. Allen Babe, 1st Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief. "The new guys were psyched about it since they've never seen a scramble before. This was a chance for them to get a little training before they go to an active base."

Airman Brandon Jeannette, also a 1st



**An 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron QF-4 Phantom II streaks overhead enroute to the War Day airspace near Carabelle. Two QF-4s and 14 other aircraft from units around the Air Force participated in a mock engagement with a dozen 1st FS F-15 Eagle instructor pilots Oct. 15.**

FS crew chief, agrees.

"This was the first time I've gotten to do this," he said. "I've been working hard, and this morning they told me I was selected to be part of the alert team."

According to Colonel Dreher, Tyndall's instructor pilots performed favorably, successfully engaging the enemy force and preventing the bombers from delivering their simulated weapons. He added

the event is something he would like to see take place more often.

"My director of operations said in his pre-brief, 'Gentlemen, you may be experienced, yet you lack the proficiency you require, so be aware of that fact,'" said the colonel. "He was spot on and to me, as the commander, it means we need to do more of these events. Hopefully this 'War Day' is the first of many more to come."



# Red Ribbon Week kicks off Saturday



**Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander, signs the drug free “pledge puppy.” The stuffed animal will be given as a prize to the winner of the Youth Center’s T-shirt slogan contest today.**

**BRENDA BROWN**  
Drug Demand Reduction Program manager

Drug abuse is a major public health problem in the United States and rep-

resents a continued threat to Air Force readiness posture and mission accomplishment. Red Ribbon Week is a national observance to remind everyone of the dangers of drug abuse and the benefit of a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

To increase awareness of this problem the Department of Defense, Air Force, and the Tyndall Drug Demand Reduction Program will sponsor this year’s “Drug Free - I Have the Power” Red Ribbon Week Celebration, which will run from Saturday through Oct. 31.

Red Ribbon Week’s commencement came about as the result of the tragic murder of a Federal Drug Enforcement Agent, Enrique Camarena, while he was inves-

tigating the Mexican drug traffickers. His death became a catalyst for action. The red ribbon is worn in honor of the blood that was shed; in honor of the life that was sacrificed in service for others. It is also worn to symbolize a stop sign – stop the violence of drug use.

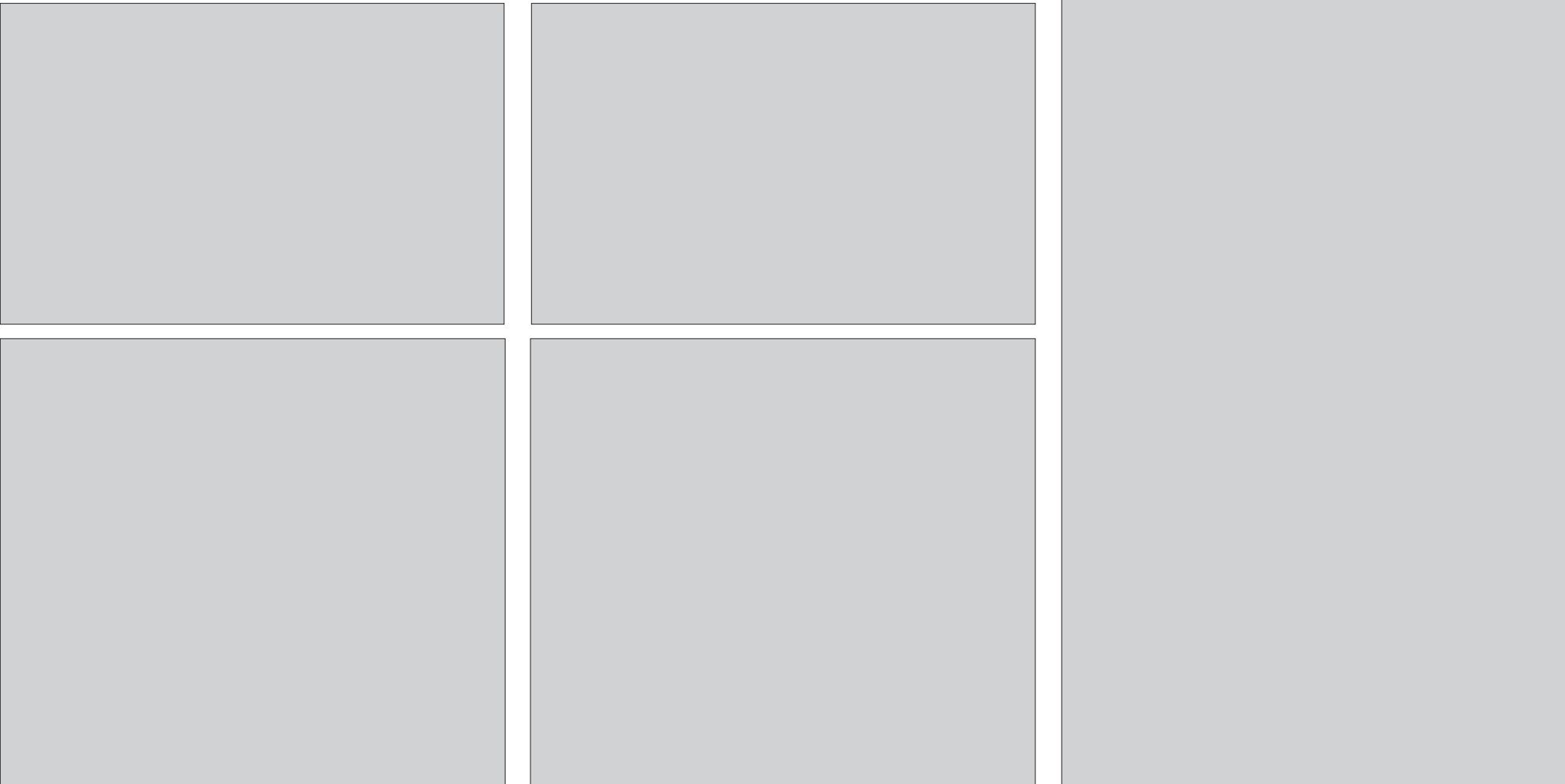
Tyndall is pulling together to get the word out on the dangers of illicit drug use by having a kick off celebration Saturday in the Base Exchange parking lot. The activities planned include a firetruck, weapons and military working dog team demonstration. Additionally activities for children such as fingerprinting, facepainting, and the moonwalk, as well as food and drink, and free gifts will be available.

Red Ribbons can be picked up on Saturday, or at the Drug Testing Office the week on 25 – 29 Oct. For more information Call Drug Demand Reduction Program at 283-4908.

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of the exercise, there may be longer lines at gates during increased force protection conditions. You may see traffic rerouted during major accident response exercises, or your day may be interrupted by a simulated bomb threat.

We must remember that in addition to being required by regulation, we are training and evaluating our own. The wing sends hundreds of personnel to the AOR every year. We owe it to them, to their families, to their fellow brothers- and sisters-in-arms, and ultimately to the combatant commander in the AOR to send only completely trained and prepared warriors—warriors who can do their job, in any environment, to accomplish the assigned mission. It is much better to be slightly inconvenienced here at Tyndall during an exercise than to send anything other than a full up combat-ready warrior.





# Two Tyndall units win Air Force award

**2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Members of the 325th Operations Group and 325th Civil Engineer Squadron can add another ribbon to their growing number of awards and decorations.

Both units recently won the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

The 325th OG is the first unit in the Air Force to develop formal F/A-22 Raptor pilot training and the intelligence academics program for the F/A-22, an exciting mission for the OG commander, Col. Timothy Merrell, and the Airmen under his leadership.

“A couple of themes we live by are mission focus and teamwork,” Colonel Merrell said. “We train like champions, stay ready for expeditionary operations and are able to sustain the battle rhythm.”

“Our overall score of ‘Excellent’ on the Operational Readiness Inspection is a direct reflection of the dedicated Airmen assigned to the 325th OG; the largest F-15 wing in the United States Air Force,” Colonel Merrell said. “I honestly believe we have the best Airmen in the Air Force to accomplish our mission. Their hard work deserves to be recognized.”

Despite the diversity of the CE squadron, the unit’s mission remains consistent: safety. From disposing of explosives, to extinguishing fires and promoting fire prevention, to managing base facilities and housing, the Airmen as-

signed to CE keep everyone safe at home and at work.

“I’m so proud of the men and women of this squadron and what they have accomplished,” said Lt. Col. Curt Van De Walle, 325th CES commander. “They have established a standard of excellence, and it’s nice to see them recognized for their efforts. The operations tempo has been incredibly high over the past few years, but the 325th Civil Engineers have stepped up to the challenge by simultaneously supporting the Global War on Terror and Tyndall’s air dominance mission without missing a beat,” he said. “My hat goes off to each and every one of them, whether they are an Airman, DOD civilian, or contractor.”

Col. Martin Sayles, 325th Mission Support Group commander recognizes the current success of the unit is a direct result of the solid foundation built by previous leadership.

“This is indeed a huge achievement by Team Tyndall’s CE Prime Beef Warriors,” Colonel Sayles said. “However, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the awesome leadership of Lt. Col. Jerry “Kenny” Weldon, the previous CES commander, who led our CE team to earning the prestigious AFOUA during this period. The “commitment to excellence” by every member of this great squadron was simply amazing. They definitely earned this award!”

Units earn the award by distinguishing themselves through exceptionally meritorious service or outstanding achievement that clearly sets the unit above and apart from similar units.

# First Air Force gains new commander Wednesday

**TECH SGT. LAURA BOSCO**  
1st AF Public Affairs Office

Maj. Gen. Marvin “Scott” Mayes, commander of the Alabama Air National Guard, will take command of 1st Air Force and the Continental United States NORAD Region here at a change of command ceremony 10 a.m. Wednesday in Hangar 2.

He will replace Maj. Gen. Craig McKinley, who will become director, Mobilization and Reserve Component Affairs, United States European Command, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany.

During his 34-year military career on active duty and with the Alabama National Guard, General Mayes has served tours in Thailand, West Germany, and most recently, Italy,

where he commanded eight units in five countries, enforcing the Dayton Peace Accords in the Balkans. He is a command pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours including 171 combat missions in Southeast Asia.

As commander of 1st Air Force and CONR, General Mayes will be responsible for the air sovereignty and air defense of the United States. The organization is the highest level war-fighting echelon in the Air Force in the continental United States, and is primarily manned by citizen airmen.

General McKinley served as commander of 1st Air Force and CONR since August 2002. He will head to Germany for his new assignment following the change of command ceremony.





Senior Airman Benjamin Rojek

## Casing the lot

**Mike Newbury, a retired Air Force master sergeant, takes advantage of the Tyndall Air Force Base Commissary's case lot sale Oct. 15. Mr. Newbury, who retired from active duty in 1991, is now a meat cutter at the commissary.**

## Briefs

### Tyndall Basketball

Tyndall Tigers will host the Dragons from Keesler AFB, Miss., this weekend. The Saturday games will be at 2 p.m. for the women's team and 4 p.m. for the men's team and the Sunday games will be at 11 a.m. for the women's team and 1 p.m. for the men's team. Come out and support Tyndall's Tigers.

### AFA meeting

Local Chapter 355 of the Air Force Association will hold its quarterly dinner meeting as well as annual election of new officers at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Golden Corral Restaurant on West 23rd Street in Panama City. The AFA is open to new members (both military and retired) interested in joining. For more information, contact Dave Webster at 774-3907 or Maj. Tom Carney at 283-5889.

### Semi-Annual Birthday Meal

The Berg Liles Dining Facility will host the Semi-Annual Birthday Meal at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. On the menu is lobster and steak as well as prizes and live music. Costumes are also welcome. Sign up at the dining facility.

### Discontinued medications

The 325th Medical Group Pharmacy has removed the following medications from its formulary: Accupril, Altace and Monopril. Contact your healthcare provider in order to obtain a new prescription for a therapeutically equivalent medication on formulary such as Lotensin, Capoten or Zestril. Vioxx has also been removed from the formulary. Alternative, therapeutically equivalent medications now available are Bextra and Mobic.

Another option available is to contact your healthcare provider to obtain a new prescription for the medications no longer available at Tyndall, and have them filled through the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy (TMOP) or through the TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Network. TMOP information is available at 1-866-363-8667.

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### OSC social

The Officers' Spouses' Club will have a coffee 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Officers' Club. For more information, call 215-6820 today.

### Gulf Coast Community College

The GCCC second weekend block starts Oct. 29. Classes offered include:

English Composition II  
Religions of the World

General Biology  
Environmental Science

Principles of Sociology

October Tyndall Classes start the week of Oct. 15. Classes offered include:

Western Civilization II  
Earth Science Survey

For more information, call 283-4332.

### Mentors needed

Mentors are needed for 9th- and 10th-grade students at Rutherford High School.

The task requires a couple hours a week

around lunch time to help students who are termed "at risk" for failing or dropping out of high school. Being a mentor is being a big brother/sister, a role model and, most of all, a friend to the student. For more information, e-mail Joseph.Volpi@tyndall.af.mil.

### Stetson University

Stetson University is offering Microsoft and Cisco programs. No out of pocket cost for active military. There is limited seating. October and January start dates. Ask about free computer or free tests. For more information, contact Linda Along 407-579-3957 or lalonge@stetson.edu.

### Tyndall Thrift Shop

The Tyndall Thrift Shop, 743 Suwannee Rd., is open for business 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of each month. Consignments are accepted from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 286-5888.

### Depression Management Program

The DMP meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon for six consecutive Wednesdays, starting Nov. 3 at the Health and Wellness Center. The program will cover a comprehensive range of techniques proven by research to be effective ways to manage depression. To sign up, call 283-7511.

### Anxiety Management Program

The AMP meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon on six consecutive Fridays starting Nov. 5

at the HAWC. The program will cover a comprehensive range of techniques proven by research to be effective ways to manage anxiety, especially physical tensions and worries. To sign up, call 283-7511.

### Stress Management and Relaxation Techniques

The SMART program meets 10:30 a.m. to noon four consecutive Mondays starting Nov. 1 at the HAWC. The program will cover comprehensive range of techniques proven by research to be effective ways to manage stress, especially physical tensions and worries—including relaxation techniques. To sign up, call 283-7511.

### Casino Night

There will be a Casino Night starting at 4 p.m. Oct 29 at the Officers' Club. Cost is \$25 for dinner and \$25,000 in gaming scrip. There will be more than \$1,000 in prizes.

## Classifieds

### 2002 Mustang coupe

Dark blue with tan cloth interior. Great condition. Six-cylinder, automatic. Power driver seat, windows. Six-disc CD player. Cruise control. 25,000 miles. Still under factory warranty. Need to sell for payoff. For more information, call 763-8354 and ask for Tasheena Thomas.

### Watch found

A watch was found at Crooked Island East Beach. For more information, or to claim, call 850-624-4143.

### 2002 Ford Pickup

\$13,000. OBO, V-6, Auto, Air, Cruise, Custom Exhaust-wheels-lift, Tow Package, Bed Liner/ Tool Box, Many Extras, Looks Good, Maintained Well. Cell 527-7258.

### Attention weightlifters

Body Masters squat rack, excellent condition, great for squats or bench press, \$500 or best offer. Call 850-784-1529.

## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic services held at Chapel 2:

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday  
Reconciliation (before Saturday Mass or by appointment)  
Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.  
Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.  
Religious Education, 11 a.m. Sunday.

### Protestant services at Chapel 1:

Communion service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1  
Religious Education classes, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 1476  
General Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel 2.



## Living Room revives dorm life



Photos by Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

**Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander, speaks with the Airmen who put the Living Room together during its grand opening Oct. 15. Almost 100 people came to the site located behind Bldg. 1036. The room will be open 7 p.m. every Friday, and will feature a different weekly event, such as a cook-out or a movie night. It's open to all single Airmen and provides a fun, alcohol-free environment. According to Chaplain (Capt.) Robert Sugg, 325th FW Chaplain, over 1400 hours of self-help time by the Airmen were put into making the Living Room. The result of the hard work and dedication includes a modernly decorated room with a new reclining couch, big screen television, DVD player, refrigerator, table and bean bag chairs. The outside area is decorated with a flower box and a fountain all surrounded by tables and chairs in a coffee house-type environment. It also includes a horse-shoe pit and a covered dining area.**

## Tigers sweep Knights



Courtesy photo

**Tyndall Tiger's Ryan Cunningham shoots over a Moody Knight's defender.**

The Tyndall Tigers lanced the Moody Knights twice this past weekend at Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

Saturday's score was Tyndall – 78, Moody – 75. Sunday's score was Tyndall – 93, Moody – 64.

In Saturday's game, the Tigers and Knights played close throughout the first half when Moody

went on a mini-run to take a 6 point lead. Tyndall's Ryan Cunningham came off the bench to connect on 3 out of 4 three-pointers to overcome the deficit as the Tigers led 36-34 at the half. In the second half, Tigers guard Omar Johnson connected on 3 out of 4 free throws, and Mitch Benefield connected on two 25-foot threes, to seal the victory.

Sunday's game saw the Tigers turn up the heat on defense as they jumped out to an early lead and ran to a 44-31 advantage at the half. In the second half, the Tigers effectively wore down the Knights as their lead ballooned to over 30 points.

Elvin Walker paced the Tigers in scoring with a game high 21 points, followed by Omar Johnson (15 points) and Tarrance Garner (13 points.)

The Tigers will host the Dragons from Keesler AFB, Miss., this weekend.

*(Courtesy of the Tyndall Tigers)*

## Kids' fall festival begins today

**STEVE RIDDLE**

325th Service Squadron publicist

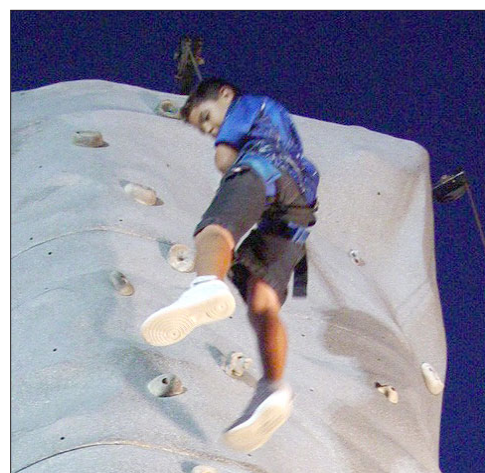
The Eighth Annual Fall Festival begins 6 p.m. today at the Tyndall Youth Center.

This year's event will feature the climbing wall and the Moonwalk, an inflatable room for children. Horse rides provided by the horse owners from the Tyndall Riding Stables will also be available. All three were favorites from last year's event.

Also making a return from last year will be a variety of carnival games, including the ring toss, beanbag toss, and the duck pond. There will be a basketball shot contest, football toss contest, and a putt-putt golf contest. A huge variety of prizes can be won at each of these competitions. A "Spooky Maze" and face painting for children will also be provided along with many other fun activities.

Children attending the event can purchase a \$5 wristband that allows them to participate in all the games and contests, as well as the climbing wall and Moonwalk inflatable room. Parents who wish to attend the event but not participate in the games will get in free.

"It's our way of celebrating the Fall sea-



Steve Riddle

**A child makes his way down the climbing wall during last year's Fall Festival.**

son," said Alma Hooks, Tyndall Youth Center Director. "We also use the event to remind children to be safe while Trick-or-Treating during Halloween."

The Youth Center will give Trick-or-Treat bags to children who attend the event. The bags are to be used Halloween night, and have safety tips printed on them.

For more information, contact the Tyndall Youth Center at 283-4366.

## Photography class starts Wednesday

**STEVE RIDDLE**

325th Services Squadron publicist

For Tyndall youth who want to bring their digital photography skills into the 21st Century, the Tyndall Skills Development Center will be offering classes that feature today's digital picture technology.

The program kicks off at 6 p.m. Wednesday with an open house at the SDC. This first event will introduce the new equipment that will be used to teach the classes, including the digital camera, computer, printer, and software to run them. Refreshments will also be served. The open house and the classes will be free of charge.

"The Skills Develop-

ment Center has a photography contest every year, so it just made sense to have classes that teach children how to use digital cameras and print their own pictures," explained Wendy Poppell, Tyndall Skills Development Center manager. "Digital is the wave of the future – it's the way most people are taking pictures today."

The classes will be held on the second Wednesday of each month. Along with the basics of photography such as shot selection and cropping, attendees will also learn how to download pictures, save and categorize them into folders, and print copies of their favorites.

Along with the classes,

field trips around the base will be offered to give children a chance to test out their newly learned photography skills. Any child who is at least eight years old, when accompanied by a parent, can then use the computer software to enhance or alter their favorite pictures, and also print them at the SDC. Although the classes are free, there will be a small charge for each picture printed.

For more information, contact the Tyndall Skills Development Center at 283-4511.







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## All Ranks Old West Saloon CASINO NIGHT

Oct. 29 at the Officers' Club

Social Hour - 4 p.m.

Gaming starts at 5 p.m.

**Over \$1000.00  
in prizes!!!**

**\$25 for dinner & \$25,000  
gaming scrip**

Purchase by Oct. 22 and  
get \$10,000 additional scrip  
Purchase from Oct. 23 through 26  
and get \$5,000 additional scrip  
Hosted by the: Maintenance Group

Sponsored by Tyndall Federal Credit Union, Captain  
Anderson's, The Bagel Maker, Paul Brent Galley, First  
Command Financial Planning, Sandestin Hilton, Dixie  
Stampede, and Howard Johnson Maingate West Orlando. No  
federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Enlisted Club

## Dinner and A Movie

October 28

Anchor Man

November 4

## Without a Paddle

Buffet 5-7 p.m., Movie 7 p.m.

Buffet style dinner: \$6.95

Member price: \$5.95

Non-Member Children: \$3.95

Children age 7 and under eat free.

Youth under age 16 must be  
accompanied by an adult.

## Air Force Club Membership Drive

New and Existing AETC members  
could win up to \$3,000.00

If AETC reaches it's goal, Tyndall  
clubs could receive \$500!

Amn E1-E4 & 2Lt get one free  
year of membership. Call the club  
today and start saving.

**283-4357**

## Basewide Fall Flea Market

October 23. Cost is \$7 space only, \$10  
space and 1 table, \$12 space and 2 tables,  
\$25 small pavilion, \$20 space in large  
pavilion. Summer's over so clean out those  
closets and get ready for winter. Sellers must  
check in by 6 a.m. and will not be allowed to  
drive into the market area after 6:30 a.m.  
Check in begins at 5 a.m. Flea market begins  
at 7:30 a.m. and runs until 1 p.m. No refunds  
for cancellations or no shows. No commercial  
vendors or sale of animals.

Call 283-3199 for more information.

## Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

### Homeschooler Fitness

Are you a homeschooler looking for fitness  
activities for your children? Sign up for the Youth  
Center Homeschool Fitness program for ages 6  
and up and your child will participate in a  
different team or individual sport each month.  
USA Tennis will be featured in November  
followed by flag football in December. The USA  
Tennis program runs Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 and the  
flag football runs Dec. 7, 9, 14, 16. Class times  
are 10 a.m. for ages 6-7 yrs. and 11 a.m. for  
ages 8 yrs. and up. Cost is \$40 a month.

### Start Smart Soccer

Are you ready to score a goal? Sign your 3-5  
year old up for Start Smart Soccer and work  
one-on-one with them developing basic skills.  
The program runs Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10  
a.m. Cost is \$30.

### Start Smart Basketball

Are you ready to take it to the hoop? Sign your  
3-5 year old up for Start Smart Basketball and  
work one-on-one with them developing basic  
skills. The program runs Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 at  
9 a.m. Cost is \$30.

### Registration Basketball

Will only run through Nov. 12th. Late fee of \$15  
after that date. Ages 5-18 can participate. Must  
provide Birth Certificate at time of registration.  
Physicals a must NLT Dec. 1st. Practices begin  
Nov. with games starting Dec. for ages 9-12.  
Age deadline Dec. 1st for age group up to 12  
and Jan. 1, 05 for 13 and older.

## Football Frenzy

Bldg. 1027 on Louisiana Ave.

Prizes include: an XBOX system, T-shirts, coolers  
and hats for Club Members!

**Any question call Amanda at  
283-3222 / 283-2814**

## Cardio Center

Opens Oct. 25

Bldg. 912 Pilates Classes: \$30  
for a 10 - class punch card or \$6 per class

Tues. & Thurs.: 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Wed. & Thurs.: noon-1 p.m.

Yoga Classes: \$35 for a 10 class  
punch card or \$6 per class

Mon. & Wed.: 5-6 p.m.

Participants must provide own:

Sticky Mat, Towel and Water

**Spin Cycle Classes**

Coming in December

Stop by the Community Center  
and purchase your card today!

**283-2495**

Berg-Liles Dinning Facility  
Semi-Annual

### BIRTHDAY MEAL

### HALLOWEEN IN HOLLYWOOD

October 27 at 5 p.m.

Steak, Lobster Tail, Shrimp, Twice Baked  
Potato, Onion Rings, Corn on the Cob,  
Broccoli, Sauteed Mushrooms  
and Onions, Shrimp Cocktail, Dinner Rolls, Ice  
tea, Cake and Ice Cream.

### COSTUME CONTEST

Come as your favorite Movie actor  
or character. Prizes awarded to  
1st & 2nd place winners.

Eligibility: ESM (SIK) Customer and one guest ESM  
customer must have had a birthday between May-  
Oct. If the guest is on BAS, the cost of meal is \$22.  
Any questions may be directed to 283-2239.

### Airman Appreciation BBQ October 22

10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location: parking lot in front of  
the Berg Liles Dining Facility

Meal Card Holders: Free

BAS Flat Rate \$5.30

Menu includes: BBQ Chicken, BBQ Ribs,  
Grilled Burgers & Franks, Corn on the  
Cob, Collard Greens and more.

**Come out and enjoy the food  
and play games.**

Tyndall Youth Center

## 8th Annual Fall Festival

October 22, 6-8 p.m.

*Games, food & lots of fun  
for the entire family!*



**Buy a \$5 Admission  
and enjoy these activities**

Face Painting	Crafts
Fish Pond	Lollipop Tree
Cake Walk	Basketball Shoot
Bean Bag Toss	Climbing Wall
Spooky Maze	Football Toss
Bingo	Lots More...

Volunteers Needed!!! Set up, decorating,  
cooking, operate booths and clean up.

Sponsored in part by:

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**283-4366**

Community Center

### NFL Pigskins Picks

Entries must arrive at CAC by 5 p.m. Friday,  
preceding the weekend & Monday games.  
Open to all Tyndall Community members  
over the age of 18.

**283-2495**

### Lodging NAF Property Sale

November 24, Bldg. 1381, 9 a.m. to 2  
p.m. Items for sale: Beds Queen size,  
desks, chairs, occasional chairs,  
dressers, mirrors, drapes, artwork,  
microwaves. Cash and Checks only.

Call 283-4211, ext. 3336

### Sealed Bid Auction at Bonita Bay

Boats, Trailers, Motor, Truck, Sailboat  
Bids accepted Oct. 18-Nov. 1 during  
operating hours. Thurs.-Mon. 9 a.m.-5  
p.m. Items will be on display and  
marked. All items sold as is.

**283-3199**

### GeoCache Info Night at Bonita Bay

Oct. 28, 6 p.m., Refreshments. A hip  
twist to Scavenger/Treasure Hunting

**283-3199**



